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ELECTION DATE: April 8, 2014 MEASURE: Proposition ~~X~~ ^{Agn} Long Beach Marijuana Tax Measure

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The Long Beach Collective Association (LBCA) is an advocacy group comprised of local medical marijuana advocates who want to balance reasonable patient access to crucially needed medicine, with the City's interest in protecting overall public wellbeing. The LBCA has therefore taken the lead in advocating for, and supporting, regulation and taxation. Which is why the LBCA supports Proposition ~~X~~ ^{A. gn}

•It can bring in much needed new tax revenue for the general fund by taxing a minimum of 6% of gross receipts, and a minimum of \$15 per square foot for cultivation, that can be used for city improvements, including public works, afterschool programs, and affordable housing.

•Regulating and taxing marijuana like alcohol will replace an underground market with a legitimate one. By regulating and taxing marijuana, authorities will actually know who is selling it, where it is being sold, when, and to whom, and it will also benefit legitimate, taxpaying businesses instead of violent drug cartels.

The measure is by no means perfect, and the unprecedentedly high taxation rate does raise alarm on many levels. The argument that no other medicine is taxed or that this will drive the cost out of reach for many sick patients are also well noted. But at the same time, the LBCA recognizes the unique problems and challenges that this industry poses not only on city resources, but also on its neighborhoods and citizens, especially when unregulated, or when bans drive the market underground. And with a new ordinance to reinstate medical marijuana currently being crafted, undoubtedly the City will face new challenges that may pose a significant fiscal drain. Therefore, this measure can raise much-needed dollars for the general fund that can be used for the City's overall benefit, and that is why the LBCA urges you to vote Yes for Proposition ~~X~~ ^{A. gn}

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of ballot measure Proposition X. Long Beach Marijuana Tax Measure at the Primary Nominating Election
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election for the City Of Long Beach to be held on April 8, 2014 hereby state that such argument is
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true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

Jina A. Nam, Esq.

Printed Name

1. Attorney for the Long Beach Collective Association 01/17/2014
 Title to Appear on Argument Date

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